

What can you do to help?

- ◆ Talk to your child about their interests, career ideas etc...
- ◆ Start looking at open events at the local colleges.
- ◆ Talk to us. We are here to help with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Key Stage 4 Information Evening

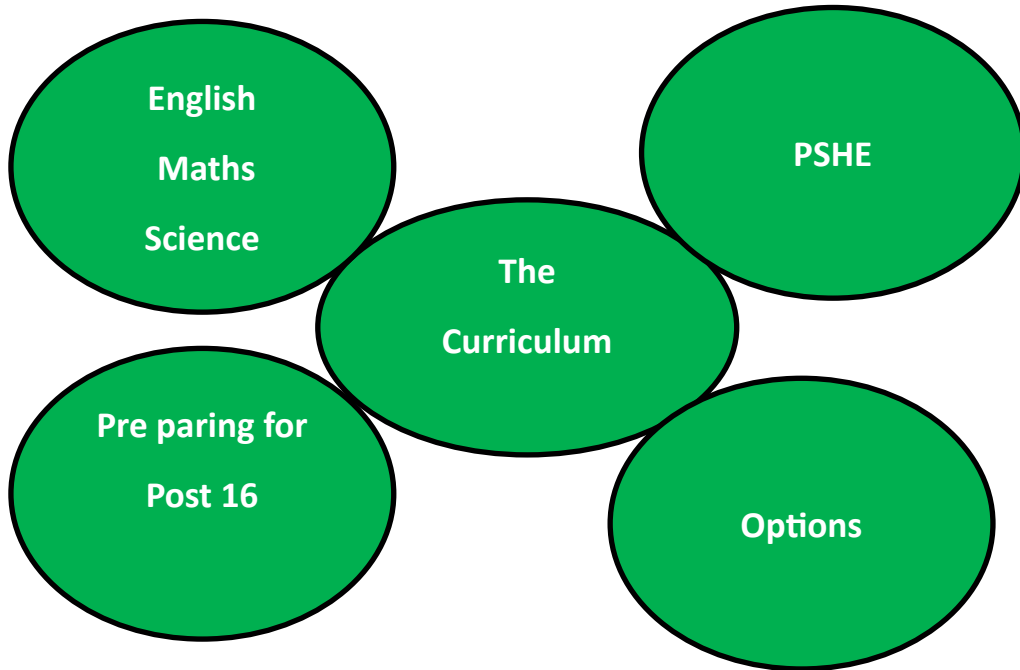
Welcome to The Valley School's Information Evening

We look forward to meeting you all and working closely with you throughout the year.

This booklet provides a brief outline of how Key Stage 4 is structured and the next steps in your child's journey.

If you have any questions, or want to discuss this further, please contact the Year 10 team.

Key stage 4 curriculum



Options are The Valley School's name for specialist lessons which work towards a qualification. Options lessons are chosen by your child and are based on their preference, aspirations and future goals.

We offer a range of subjects. The BTEC qualification links to the following subjects:

- ◆ Hospitality/ Catering
- ◆ Art and Design
- ◆ Performing Arts
- ◆ DT/ Plumbing
- ◆ Childcare
- ◆ Sports

These qualifications are to support your child in gaining access to a range of Further Education routes or work based learning



**NORTH
HERTFORDSHIRE
COLLEGE**

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/study/16-18-learners>



OAKLANDS COLLEGE

<https://www.oaklands.ac.uk>

**West Herts
College**



<https://www.westherts.ac.uk>



<https://www.hrc.ac.uk>

Future progression

There are many routes available to your child.

College:

North Herts College work closely with us to look at various routes.

Year 11 transition taster lessons run throughout the year, where students attend the college as part of their learning; preparing them for the college environment.

Other local college open days and link transition workers are available and will be made known to you by Bridie McDonald.

Work based learning routes:

Apprenticeships

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

Traineeships– HOP into the future

Other qualifications:

Duke of Edinburgh:

Working towards the Bronze Award we will be supporting your child to:

- ◆ Take part in volunteering in the school and local community
- ◆ Develop a skill of interest
- ◆ Develop a physical skill of interest
- ◆ Attended an over night camping trip

<https://www.dofe.org/do/>

Arts award:

Arts Award inspires young people to grow their arts and leadership talents; it is creative, valuable and accessible.

Arts Award can be achieved at five levels: four qualifications and an introductory award.

<https://www.artsaward.org.uk/>

These qualifications are to support your child in gaining access to a range of Further Education routes or work based learning opportunities.

Functional Skills

English and Maths

- Your child is also working towards a Functional Skills qualification in English and Maths .
- Your child is currently preparing for, or sitting their exams.
- These exams are important for your child's next steps. They will help support their next level course or programme.
- Further information will be shared at the next Parent Consultation evening.

ICT

Our Edexcel Functional Skills ICT qualifications are designed to equip learners with the basic skills they need to operate confidently, effectively and independently in education, work and everyday life.

More information on Functional Skills can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-functional-skills/english-2019.html>

Pathways

Personal pathway

Your child's pathway is personal to them.

Staff will sit and talk through their choices with them.

We will then discuss your child's pathway with you to ensure everyone is happy and confident with the chosen pathway.

Our YC Hertfordshire advisor, Bridie McDonald, will work very closely with you and your child, discussing these plans to make sure the students are on the pathway that is most suitable for them.

Contact details:

Bridie McDonald

Personal Adviser (LDD Team)

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Preparing for Post 16

This lesson is all about discovering the right pathway for your child after The Valley School.

It provides individual support in helping your child think about their next steps and what that looks like.

PSHE provides activities and experiences that allow your child to explore a range of different Post 16 environments.

A personal plan is then discussed to establish an appropriate pathway for your child and a transition programme is designed to help prepare them for Post 16/ KS5

Science

There are 36 teaching items in total, 12 for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In all three sciences, students develop their understanding of how scientific principles and concepts help describe complex and diverse natural phenomena in terms of a small number of key ideas. They also develop relevant practical skills.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/entry-level/science-r483-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

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